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INITIAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

R0138 – COMBINED PROGRESSION OF CHANGE PROPOSALS R0058, R0104 AND R0129

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RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	CHANGE PANEL	**CHANGE PATH**	SELF GOVERNANCE
PRIORITY STATUS	LOW	**URGENCY**	STANDARD

DEADLINE FOR ALTERNATIVE CHANGE PROPOSALS	01/09/2023

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CHANGE OVERVIEW

This change seeks to efficiently address the issues raised under the following Change Proposals.

- R0058 – REC Services Procurement Clarification
- R0104 – Clarifying Requirement for Continuous Billing Following an Erroneous Switch
- R0129 – Clarifying Event of Default Requirements

These Change Proposals have been identified by the Code Manager as requiring non-contentious, clarificatory and non-material alterations to the REC Legal Text only.

	High Impact: N/A
	Medium Impact: Consumers, Data Communications Company, RECCo, Code Manager.

	Low Impact: N/A

1 BACKGROUND

Three Change Proposals have been identified by the Code Manager as having fully formed solutions, which are non-contentious, clarificatory and can be easily and quickly implemented. However, these changes were previously placed on hold due to having a priority status of low. This Change seeks to address these Change Proposals so they can be addressed, and their benefits can be realised.

R0058 – REC Services Procurement Clarification

The Data Communications Company (DCC) highlighted that the current drafting within Clause 5.3 of the REC Main Body could impact both RECCo and the DCC's ability to protect input VAT entitlements as a recipient of the Centralised Registration Service (CRS). The suggested amendment to Clause 5.3 would clarify that all provision of REC Services to the REC Service Users (including the Centralised Registration Service is procured by, and from, the CRS Provider) and are procured from the REC Service Providers by RECCo.

R0104 – Clarifying requirement for Continuous Billing following Erroneous Switch

One of the required outcomes of an Erroneous Switch is that the Consumer is only billed once for the period of Erroneous Switch. R0104 seeks to make it explicitly clear within Schedule 30 - Resolution of Consumer Facing Switching and Billing Issues that in the case of an Erroneous Switch, the Supplier that erroneously gained the Supply, should not bill the Consumer.

R0129 – Clarifying Event of Default Requirements

Following several recent events of non-payment for services and REC defaults, it has been identified that the Event of Default provisions in the Code are unclear. This change seeks to add clarity to the REC Main Body in that non-payment constitutes an Event of Default.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Three Change Proposals have been placed on hold due to having a low priority status. These proposals have been identified as having fully formed solutions, which are non-contentious and can be quickly implemented. This change seeks to address these Change Proposals so that they can be addressed, and their benefits realised.

3 USER STORIES

REF.	USER STORIES
CONSUMER USER STORIES	
MARKET PARTICIPANT USER STORIES	

M1	As a Market Participant, I need the REC drafting to be accurate, so I can rely on it to ensure my processes and procedures correctly reflect my obligations. If there are mistakes or omissions, then it could cause issues with the effective operation and assurance of the retail energy market.

4 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
Electricity and Gas Consumers (R0104)

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
Centralised Registration Service (R0058)

RECCO / REC CODE MANAGER
RECCo (R0129)
Code Manager (R0129)

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
REC Main Body (R0058 and R0129)
Schedule 30 - Resolution of Consumer Facing Switching and Billing Issues (R0104)

5 CROSS CODE IMPACTS

No cross-code impacts have been identified as part of this Change Proposal.

6 CHANGE PATH AND RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE

CHANGE PATH	SELF GOVERNANCE

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	CHANGE PANEL

Changes are proposed to the REC Main Body and Schedule 30 - Resolution of Consumer Facing Switching and Billing Issues which are both under the responsibility of the Change Panel.

7 PRIORITY STATUS AND URGENCY

All Change Proposals within the Initial Assessment report have been determined to have a low priority, however are being taken forward now as they only require a small amount of effort to resolve.

8 SUMMARY OF CHANGE PROPOSAL PLAN

The red-lined changes will be taken to the REC Issues Group (RIG) meeting to be held 11 August 2023 for Party review and refinement. The Preliminary Change Report will simultaneously be published alongside its Consultation on 1 September 2023. The Consultation window will be for 10WDs. The Final Change report will then be published on 22 September 2023 in preparation for the Responsible Committee's decision on 03 October 2023.

It will follow a standard appeals window of 10WDs.

	FROM	TO
PRELIMINARY CHANGE REPORT AND CONSULTATION ISSUED	01/09/2023	01/09/2023
CONSULTATION	01/09/2023	15/09/2023
FINAL CHANGE REPORT ISSUED	22/09/2023	22/09/2023
RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION	03/10/2023	03/10/2023
APPEAL WINDOW CLOSURE	17/10/2023	17/10/2023

9 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Centralised Registration Service (CRS)	means the services provided pursuant to Condition 15 (Incorporation, delivery and provision of the Centralised Registration Service) of the DCC Licence, being the services provided under this Code by the CSS Provider, Switching Operator, CSS Certificate Authority and, until the end of the Post Implementation Period only, the Core Systems Assurance Provider and the CSS Systems Integrator.
Data Communications Company (DCC)	means the person holding the DCC Licence.
Distribution Network Operator (DNO)	means a person holding an Electricity Distribution Licence.
Energy Supplier	means a person which is either or both an Electricity Supplier and/or a Gas Supplier.
Erroneous Switch	means where a Consumer has been switched to an Energy Supplier which does not have an Energy Contract in place, as further described in the Resolution of Consumer-Facing Switching and Billing Problems Schedule.
Event of Default	has the meaning given in Clause 16.1 of the main body of this Code.